

BEFORE THE  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015050320

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE,  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND  
HEARING DATES

On July 8, 2015, Student filed a request to continue the Order to Show Cause, Prehearing Conference and Hearing dates in this matter based upon an urgent medical issue for a household member of her attorney, requiring the care of her attorney. In previous requests for continuance, San Mateo-Foster City has not opposed a continuance of the current hearing dates. The request was accompanied by a declaration made under penalty of perjury.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) The Office of Administrative Hearings considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

Granted. All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Order to Show Cause: September 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.  
Prehearing Conference: September 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.,  
Due Process Hearing: September 15, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., September 16-17,  
2015, at 9:00 a.m., and continuing day to day,  
Monday through Thursday, as needed at the  
discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: July 9, 2015

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MARGARET BROUSSARD  
Presiding Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings